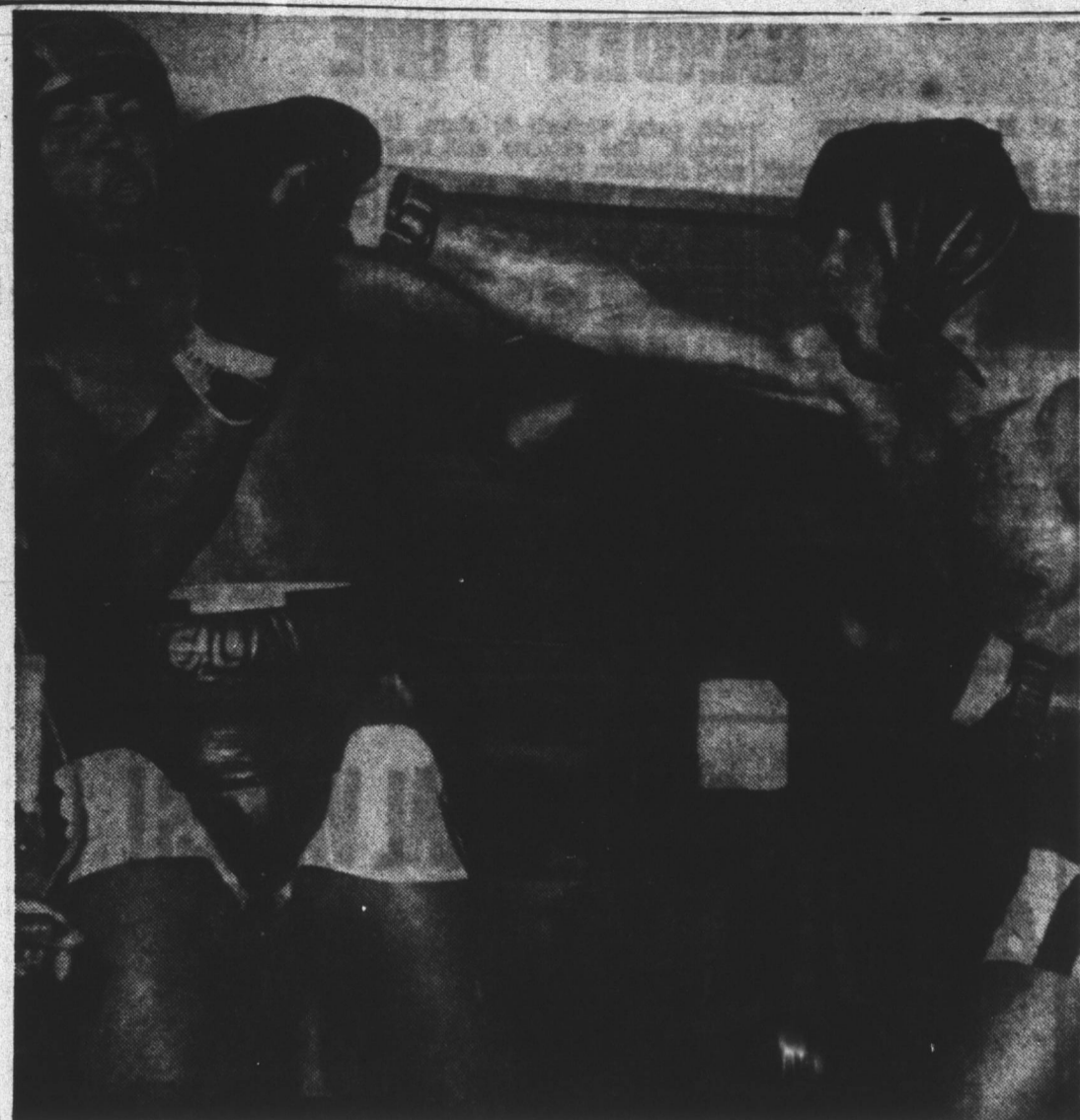


Elston Howard, MVP Of 1963, Will Sign For 55 G's



BROTHERLY GLOVE — Heavyweight challenger Cassius Clay (left) is on the ropes as his brother, Rudolph, lands a right to the face during sparring session in Miami Beach, Fla., January 23rd. Clay is training for a title fight with heavyweight champion Charles (Sonny) Liston. (UPI PHOTO).

"No Race Prejudice In Horse Racing," Says Noted Jockey

Racing's newest "Golden Boy," 22-year-old Robert McCurdy, declares in a detailed profile in the February issue of *Ebony* magazine that there is no racial prejudice in horse racing.

"The sport is wide open for Negroes now," the young jockey says in *Ebony*. "I've gotten all the shots I was entitled to, so far."

The 160-pound scrapper from Atlantic City, N. J., earned more than \$50,000 last year as an apprentice. He becomes a journeyman jockey on Feb. 16.

Trainer George S. Howell says McCurdy is a "natural" who "can't miss stardom." Howell likens the youngster to famed Eddie Arcaro.

"Bobby will succeed because he has had a good upbringing," Howell says in the *Ebony* article. The first time I looked at the boy I knew he was different. He carried himself different, talked different and most important, he was different.

If he keeps his weight down, he can be another Eddie Arcaro within the next three or four years.

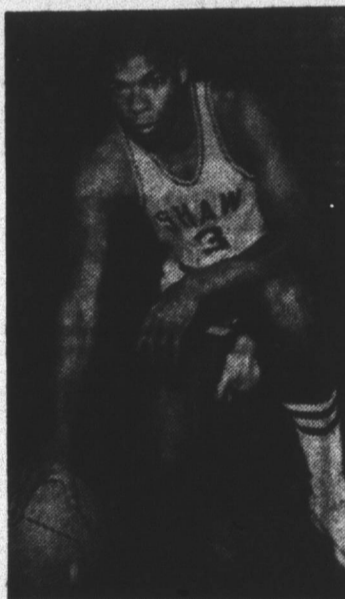
McCurdy is a likeable youngster, willing to listen and learn, the *Ebony* profile points out. He rode his first mount in August, 1962 at Atlantic City, finishing next to last at top Bell Fortuna. He got his first winner at Garden State that October but in December, went back to Howell for more training. There was lots to be learned about riding, McCurdy says.

Ira Mitchell, Sophomore Guard, Sparks Bears

The Shaw University basketball attack this season has been sparked by little Ira Mitchell, 19-year-old 5-11 sophomore guard from New York.

Mitchell is a good example of fine basketball players coming from New York. Ira is leading all players in the CIAA in foul shooting and maintains an 18.7 pts. per game average.

Ira, who was "cold" during his first appearance against the



IRA MITCHELL

St. Augustine's Falcons, will be out to get his fine second half performance. The Bears play host to the Saint Augustine's Falcons on Friday, Feb. 7, at 8:30 p.m. in Spaulding Gymnasium.

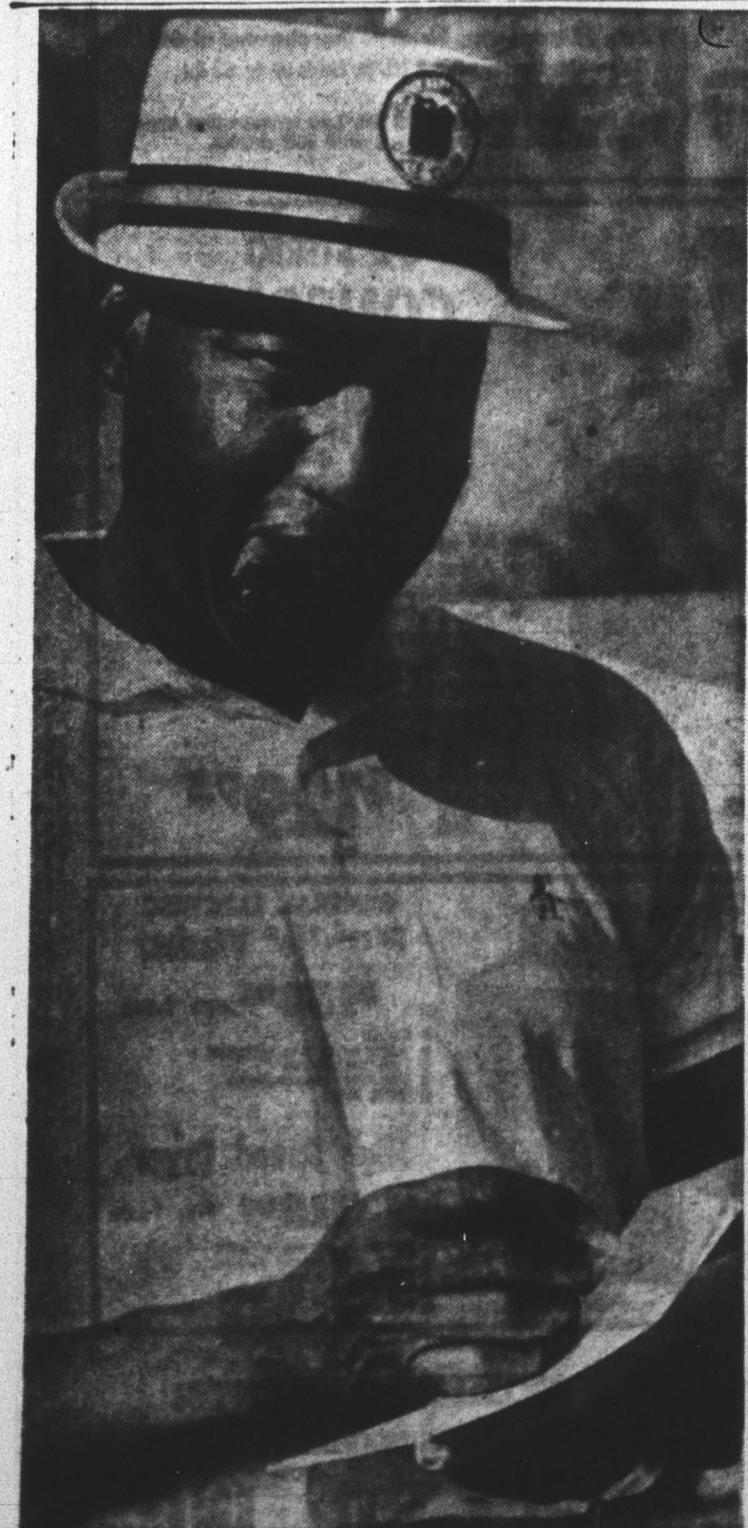
Probable starters: Jim Snow, center, Kermit West, Lee Monroe, forwards, Ira Mitchell and Bennie Jo Byers at guards.

Cage Standings

DISTRICT CAGE STANDINGS FOR HI SCHOOLS LISTED

The following are the standings of the North Carolina High School Athletic Conference basketball teams for week ending January 28, 1964:

AAAA-DISTRICT I			
Darden, Wilson	9	1	
Hillsdale, Durham	4	2	
Ligon, Raleigh	4	2	
Washington, Rocky Mt.	3	2	
Epps, Greenville	1	2	
Moore, Elizabeth City	1	4	
AAAA-DISTRICT II			
Laurinburg Institute, Laurinburg	3	0	
Williston, Wilmington	6	1	
Smith, Fayetteville	5	3	
Adkin, Kinston	2	4	
Barber, New Bern	1	4	
Dillard, Goldsboro	1	6	
Georgetown, Jacksonville	0	4	
AAA-DISTRICT I			
Riverside, Louisville	9	1	
Henderson Institute, Henderson	5	1	
Merrick-Moore, Durham	5	2	
Johnston County, Smithfield			
Person, Roxboro	2	1	
Central, Hillsboro	4	4	
Lincoln, Chapel Hill	1	1	
Shawtown, Lillington	2	2	
Alamance, Graham	1	4	
North Warren, Wise	0	4	
Mary Potter, Oxford	0	4	



SIFFORD SHARES OPENING ROUND LEAD—Famous golfer Charlie Sifford is shown checking his score card in Palm Springs, California, where he shared the opening round lead with Tommy Jacobs in the Palm Springs Golf Classic last week. Sifford finished the La Quinta course with a 66. (UPI PHOTO).

Star Catcher To Receive 10 G Raise

CHESHIRE, Conn. (ANP) — Elston Howard, the American League's most valuable player last season, and the New York Yankees reached an understanding last week on his 1964 baseball contract.

The ace catcher is reported to have received a \$10,000 raise, bringing his annual salary to about \$55,000.

There had been some speculation that Howard might be a hold-out.

The actual signing of Howard by General Manager Ralph Houk will be held later in New York.

The 6-foot-2-inch Howard, who will be 34 years old Feb. 23, and Houk met quietly while here with a few other Yankee players and officials for a dinner.

Houk and Howard said there were some minor details that hadn't been settled as yet, but left no doubt that the major issue had been sealed verbally.

BOY BARKS LIKE DOG

JOHANNESBURG (ANP)—Association brings assimilation, and a seven-year-old boy assimilated. The child, who has been adopted by a 36-year-old spinster, was suffering from malnutrition, and the only sounds he could make were those of a dog barking and yapping. It was learned that prior to adoption his parents had kept him locked up in a room with a dog, and didn't feed him regularly.



ALLEN QUARTERBACK, COACH HONORED — Along with other outstanding sports personalities of 1963-64, Jesse Israel, left, Allen University's star quarterback for the past season was feted during the Annual All-Sports Jamboree on January 31, sponsored by the 100% Wrong Club of Atlanta, Ga. Israel, ending the season fourth in the nation in passing, was named to the All-SIAC Team for the 1963 season. Israel's Coach, M. I. Evans, right, was recently named "Coach of the Year" for South Carolina, among Negro coaches.

Downing Deserves Boost In Salary, Says Berra; Predicts Banner Year For Pitcher

NEW YORK (ANP) — After placing his seal of approval on a sizeable pay boost for ace leftie pitcher Al Downing, new New York manager Yogi Berra was bubbling with enthusiasm and predicted an even bigger season for Downing than in 1963 when he was instrumental in helping to lead the Yanks to the American League pennant.

Sites For '64 Basketball Eliminations Are Told

ROCKY MOUNT—The Commissioner's office released last week the sites for the 1964 basketball eliminations and set the dates of March 5-6-7th, for the start of preliminary play with the state finals set for all four classifications in Greensboro at the A&T College gymnasium March 11-12-13-14th. The following sites have been designated:

EAST
Durham, Merrick-Moore High School, Triple A and Single A; Garner, Garner Consolidated School, Double A; Aberdeen, Berkley High School, Single A; Badin, West Badin High School, Double A; St. Paul, St. Paul High School, Double A; Whiteville, Hallsboro High School, Double A; Clinton, Sampson County High School, Double A; Goldsboro, Dillard High School, Double A; Trenton, Jones High School, Double A; Elm City, Douglas High School, Double A; Gatesville, Central High School, Double A; Wilson, Darden High School, Four A and Triple A; and Fayetteville, E. E. Smith High School, Four A and Triple A.

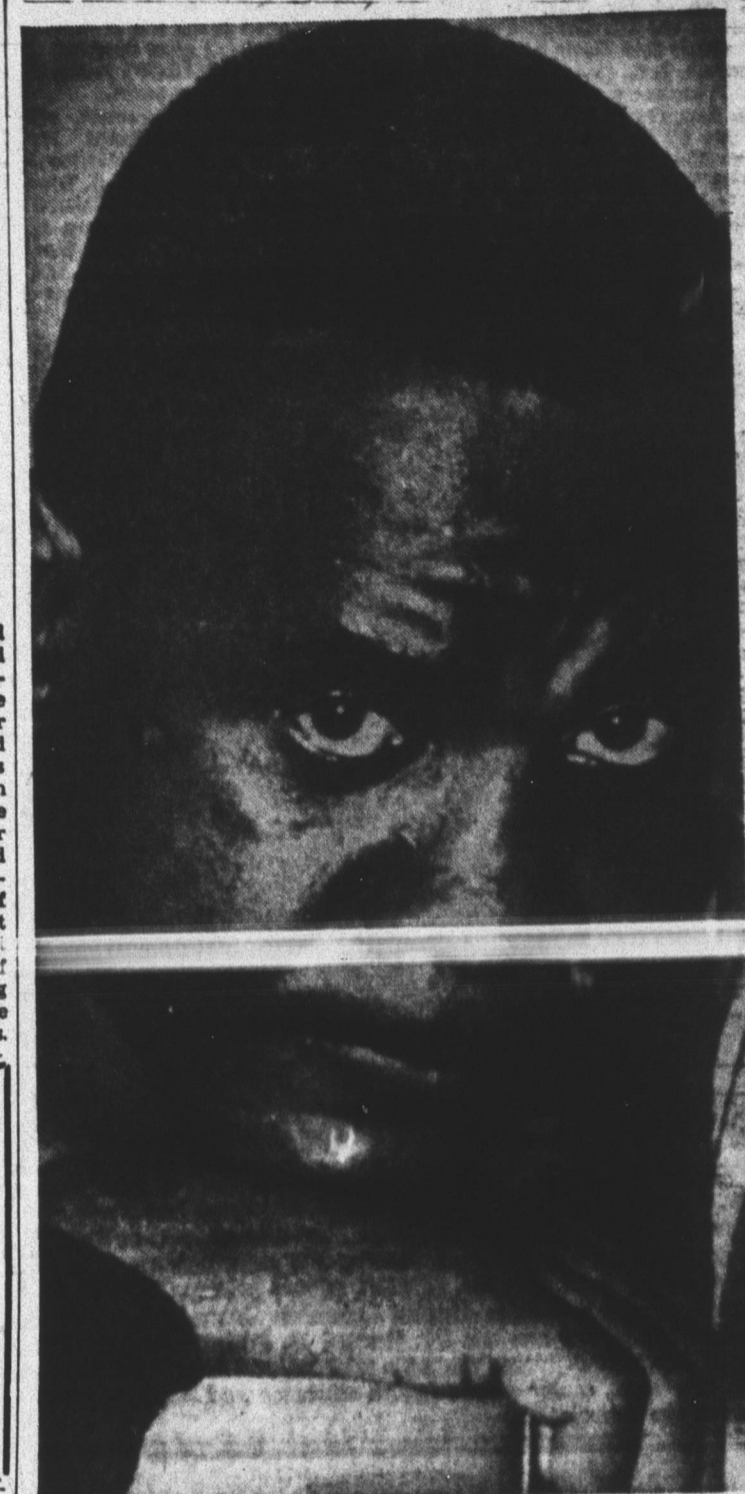
Downing reportedly received a boost in salary from \$7,000 to about \$12,000. He received the boost on the basis of his outstanding record last year. Called up from Richmond of the International League on June 6, Downing compiled a

13-5 record for the Yanks the remainder of the season. Even more impressive than his won-lost record was his earned-run average of 2.56, with 171 strike outs in 176 innings.

Berra, who caught Downing in many of the games he pitched last season, said after the contract signing that Al richly deserved the raise in salary. Yogi then predicted a banner season for Downing in '64. He said:

"He's one of the best young pitchers to come along in a long time. He should be a big winner for the Yanks in 1964. If any of our players deserves raises, Al certainly does."

Downing will perhaps reveal some of his own plans for '64 when he addresses the second annual St. Peter's College Alumni Father and Son Sports Night in Middletown Township, N. J., on Feb. 11.



HE LOOKS READY TO FIGHT — No sunny smile, but a cold, serious expression emanates from world heavyweight champ Charles (Sonny) Liston January 28, shown before his first Florida training camp workout at Miami Beach. Sonny meets Cassius Clay there February 25 to defend his title. (UPI PHOTO).

Homecoming

Washington Junior High School will play its annual homecoming basketball game Friday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. with Darden Junior High School of Wilson.

Halftime activities will include the crowning of Miss Beverly Ingram as "Miss Washington Junior High," and activities presented by the Physical Education Department of the school.

The public is invited to attend.

Again this year, taxpayers may take Federal income tax refunds in U. S. Savings Bonds. It's a good way to make your refund grow.

Williams Scores 29 Points To Lead Falcons To Win Over Broncos

George Williams, a 5-foot-10-inch guard from Miami, Florida, scored 29 points to lead the Falcons to a 99-71 basketball victory over the Fayetteville State Broncos, Saturday night, February 1, on the winners' court.

The Falcons trailed by eight

points at the end of the first half but rallied in the second half to take the lead for good with 6:06 left at 67-66.

Dwight Midgett and Jack Wadley scored 15 points each for the Falcons.

State team with 27 points. Fred Biddy netted 14 points.

The Falcons will meet the Shaw University Bears Friday night in Spaulding Gymnasium. The Falcons won the first game from the Bears.



THREE FOR THE MONEY — Muscular Bob Haynes (center), of Florida A&M, leans forward to break tape with his nose as he wins 60-yard dash event of the Wanamaker Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden, New York, January 30th. Hayes finished first with 6.1 seconds. Sam Perry (right), of Fordham, was second, and Gerald Ashworth (left), of Boston, took third. (UPI PHOTO).

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